

MASTER HENRY COLEMAN.

A Record in Masonic Work Which Speaks Well—The Subject the Pride of Local Masons.

Past Master Henry Coleman whose picture appears in this issue was initiated into the mysteries of Masonry in Social Lodge No. 1 October 27th, 1864, passed to Fellow Craft February 9th, 1865 and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason March 18th, 1867. After his return from the army in the year 1877, he was elected Junior Warden of his lodge, 1878 the Senior Warden, 1880 the Worshipful Master. He was then elected as treasurer and served from 1883 to 1886. In the year 1887 he was honored by the Grand Lodge by election as its Junior Grand Warden, then as Senior Grand Warden, which position he held for three consecutive years, when he was elected Deputy Grand Master which position he held



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for two years. When he was elected Grand Master, serving the craft as such for three years, showing nine years continuous service in the Grand Lodge. At the beginning of this Masonic year he was elected G. and Treasurer of the Grand Lodge. "No man in the craft has been more highly honored than Brother Coleman and at all times has borne these honors with such grace and dignity. It was under his administration as Grand Master that the custom came in use of the Wardens conferring the first and second degrees, which has done so much to perfect the work in our jurisdiction, bringing out all the beauties of the three symbolic degrees. He also in face of great opposition and the advice of some of his nearest friends granted the dispensation that made Prince Hall Lodge possible. It was he who was the prime mover in procuring for the craft our present Masonic home now nearly paid for. No man has done more for the honor and glory of our institution; no man better known by the craft; no man more popular with the entire craft. God grant that this life may be spared for many years to come to shed its beneficent influence.

THE CRITIC REVEALED.

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reason to make enquiry as to the record of Mr. Thomas while a citizen of Newberry, and I find that he was a trial justice in 1876. I also find that Mr. William H. Thomas was indicted on May 9, 1877 for "corruptly and fraudulently" seizing and selling property. Mr. Thomas was bound over to appear at the general sessions court and bonded in the sum of \$500, his bonds-

men being Elijah Phillips, Burwell M. Raines, Henry Kennedy, and William H. Snead. When the court convened Mr. Thomas failed to appear and these bondsmen were cited by order of the court on the 17th of June 1878, to make payment of the bond which they did.

A sealed sentence is now on file, Roll 1306 in the clerk's office at Newberry against Mr. William H. Thomas in this case.

The case against Thomas was brought by a colored man, J. H. Blease who in the examination swears that a bag of cotton valued at \$42 was taken from him and that he has never seen the cotton from that day to this.

I saw Elijah Phillips an honest and respected colored blacksmith doing business in the town of Newberry and he assures me that he and his associates on the bond of Thomas paid the bond, and that they have never been able to get any payment or reimbursement of any kind from Thomas.

I saw Mr. R. E. Williams a highly respected colored citizen and former merchant of Newberry, who informs me that he had endorsed for Mr. Thomas rent in the sum of \$84 which he had to pay and that he has never received any reimbursement from Thomas, although he has many times requested payment of the debt.

I called Mr. Williams attention to the sweeping charges made by Mr. Thomas against the virtue and morality of the women of his race, and asked Mr. Williams how he accounted for Mr. Thomas' impression. He said that Thomas was himself a lecherous character and doubtless drew his impressions from his personal and immediate surroundings which were horrible during his residence in Newberry. I found that Mr. Williams' opinion was concurred in by all from whom I asked information. E. W. SCREVEN.

Newberry, S. C., April 1st, 1901.

Dear Sir—Your favor of 29th ultimo received will send certified copy of record in the case of State (vs) William Hannibal Thomas for \$500. Your information as to the case is correct.

Respectfully,

JNO. C. GOGGANS, C. C. C. P.

New Bedford, Mass., April 5, '01.

Friend Bruce—Many thanks for documents you sent and which I return herewith have got certified copy of criminal court record complete in case of State vs. W. H. Thomas. Have received from Dr. T. H. Robinson, president of faculty of Western Theological Seminary, copy of vote recorded in minutes April 17, 1868 showing Thomas was expelled on forced confession, after strenuous denial of immoral conduct with a woman he afterward married and by whom he had a child in less than seven months. It seems Thomas himself had informed shortly before on another colored student and caused his expulsion, so the faculty felt his own case peculiarly aggravated. The same sneaking reptile then as now. Some now they have confounded Wm Henry Thomas, a man and minister, with this libertine and criminal. That error they must correct and I know they will gladly do so.

With sincere regard,

EDWARD B. JOURDAIN,
Attorney and Counselor-at-Law.

What the scriptures say to the critic: Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest; for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself, for thou that judgest doest the same things. * * Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? Thou that preach-

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No more need be said concerning "thomas;" his unenviable record speaks for itself, and if there is anything in it of which he is particularly proud he's welcome to it all. These disclosures will explain more fully than any words of ours who this man is who has presumed to set himself up as a critic and censor of the morals of the Negro race. Discriminating people of whatever race will be slow to attach much if any importance to the learned deliverances of this "second Dantel come to judgment" to be found in the autobiography of W. Hannibal Thomas. His extreme modesty possibly prevented him from giving his book its correct title.

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